

To: Mayor and City Council Through: City Manager

Agenda Item Number 28
Meeting Date: 10/11/01

**SUBJECT: JOSEPH ENTERPRISES #SIP-2001.63** 

**PREPARED BY:** Sherri Lesser, Planner II (480-350-8331)

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**REVIEWED BY:** Dave Fackler, Development Services Manager (480-350-8333)

**BRIEF:** This is the first public hearing for Joseph Enterprises for a site plan with a variance and a

use permit to allow shared parking by demand at 130 East University Drive.

**COMMENTS:** PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (0406) Hold the first public hearing for JOSEPH

**ENTERPRISES** (Sid Joseph, property owner) for a variance for a shared parking model for a building with a gross floor area less than 100,000 and a use permit for parking by demand based on a shared parking model located at 130 East University Drive. The

following approvals are requested from the City of Tempe:

#SIP-2001.63 A site plan for 32,160 s.f. retail building area on 2.65 acres in the CCD

Zoning District. The following is included in the request:

Variance:

Allow parking by shared parking model for gross floor area less than 100,000 s.f.

Use Permit:

Allow parking by shared parking model.

Document Name: 20011011devsrh07 Supporting Documents: Yes

**SUMMARY:** Joseph Enterprises is requesting a variance to allow parking by demand for businesses with less than 100,000 gross floor area. In addition to the variance, a use permit has also

been requested to allow Parking by Demand based on a shared parking model for the tenants of the Oxford Shops, The Arches, The New Age Bookstore, Hogi Yogi and Mama's Pizzeria. The businesses located on Joseph Enterprises property are required by Zoning Ordinance 808 to provide 282 parking spaces. The number of parking spaces available on the combined sites is 169. Based on a shared parking model for the existing businesses and future restaurant uses, the minimum peak demand for parking is 161 spaces. Parking by demand requests have traditionally been supported within downtown urban areas where the demand for parking is decreased due to increased pedestrian

traffic. Staff supports the requested variance and use permit based on the actual number of parking spaces exceeding the minimum peak demand identified in the shared parking

model.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff - Approval, with conditions

Public - No Comment to date

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1. List of Attachments
- 2-3 History & Facts / Description / Comments
- 4. Recommendation / Reasons for Approval / Conditions of Approval
- A. Location Map
- B. Site Plan
- C. Letter of Explanation/Intent
- D. Parking Study- 8/2001

**HISTORY & FACTS:** 

June 16, 1969. The Board of Adjustment for Use Permit to construct a building for retail sales

and service at 120-122 E. University Dr.

July 15, 1969. Design Review Board approved building elevations and site plan for the

University Arches.

August 25, 1976. The Board of Adjustment granted a parking variance from 88 to 60 spaces and a

use permit for a restaurant expansion of The Warehouse for a patio addition,

subject to conditions.

November 23, 1977. The Board of Adjustment granted a parking variance from 101 to 60 spaces,

subject to conditions.

June 27, 1979. The Board of Adjustment approved a use permit for a sandwich shop located

within the Oxford Shops and a parking variance from 59 spaces to 44 spaces.

**DESCRIPTION:** 

Owner – Joseph Enterprises, Inc.

Applicant –Sid Joseph

Existing zoning – CCD, Central Commercial District

Total site area -2.65 acres Total bldg. area -32, 160 s.f.

Parking minimum required by Shared Parking Model- 161 spaces

Total Parking provided – 169 spaces

Variance:

Allow parking by shared parking model for gross floor area less than 100,000 s.f.

Use Permit:

Allow parking by shared parking model.

**COMMENTS:** Joseph Enterprises is requesting a variance to allow parking by demand for

businesses with less than 100,000 gross floor area and a use permit to allow Parking by Demand based on a shared parking model. The shared parking model

would cover the required parking for the tenants of the Oxford Shops, The Arches, The New Age Bookstore, Hogi Yogi and Mama's Pizzeria. The total building area for the all the tenant spaces is 32,160 s.f. These tenants are all

located on property owned by Joseph Enterprises, Inc

Per Zoning Ordinance 808, buildings with a minimum area 100,000 s.f. gross floor area may request a use permit to allow parking by demand. A variance must be granted to allow a shared parking model to be utilized for building area with only 32,160 s.f. In the past the Council has supported variances to allow use permits for parking by demand for shopping centers with less than 100,00 s.f. gross floor area. The previous requests were supported in shopping centers because the mix of businesses allowed flexibility in the actual parking demand. Some businesses have a greater parking demand during the day time, such as retail and office, while other businesses have a greater night time parking demand, i.e. restaurants. The mix of uses located on Joseph Enterprises, Inc. properties are consistent with uses found in shopping centers.

The current businesses on the Joseph Enterprises, Inc. properties are primarily retail with some office and restaurant uses. The applicant is seeking future restaurant uses for the properties. The proposed parking analysis takes into account the current business mix plus an additional 5,117 s.f. of restaurant occupancy. According to Ordinance 808, the required parking for the current businesses (including future restaurants) is 282 spaces. Based on a shared parking model for the existing businesses and future restaurant uses, the minimum peak demand for parking is 161 spaces. There are 169 spaces currently available on the Joseph Enterprises properties.

As noted in the history, the Arches and the Oxford shops have been approved for parking variances in the past without apparent adverse effect to the surrounding area. A shared parking model forecasts when the greatest demand for parking will occur and determines the maximum number of parking spaces required to meet the demand. This method of calculating parking requirements is more concise than parking requirements based on ordinance minimums. Therefore, it appears parking by demand would be more effective than individual parking variances for the properties.

Staff supports the variance and use permit and concurs with the parking study. Parking by demand requests have traditionally been supported within downtown urban areas where the demand for parking is decreased due to increased pedestrian traffic. We believe the proposal should not significantly increase traffic, cause a nuisance, contribute to the deterioration of the neighborhood, downgrade surrounding property values, or cause disruptive behavior. The variance to allow parking by demand for a building with less than 100,000 s.f. gross floor area is appropriate for the mix of business located on Joseph Enterprise, Inc. properties. We believe the parking by demand model is sufficient to accommodate the parking needs of the current and future tenants of the Oxford Shops, Arches, New Age Bookstore, Mama's Pizzeria and Hogi Yogi's.

## REASON(S) FOR APPROVAL:

- 1. The variance and use permit appear to pass the required ordinance tests and should have no detrimental impact on persons residing or working in the vicinity, to adjacent property, the neighborhood, or to the public welfare in general.
- 2. The parking by demand study appears to be compatible with existing surrounding uses.

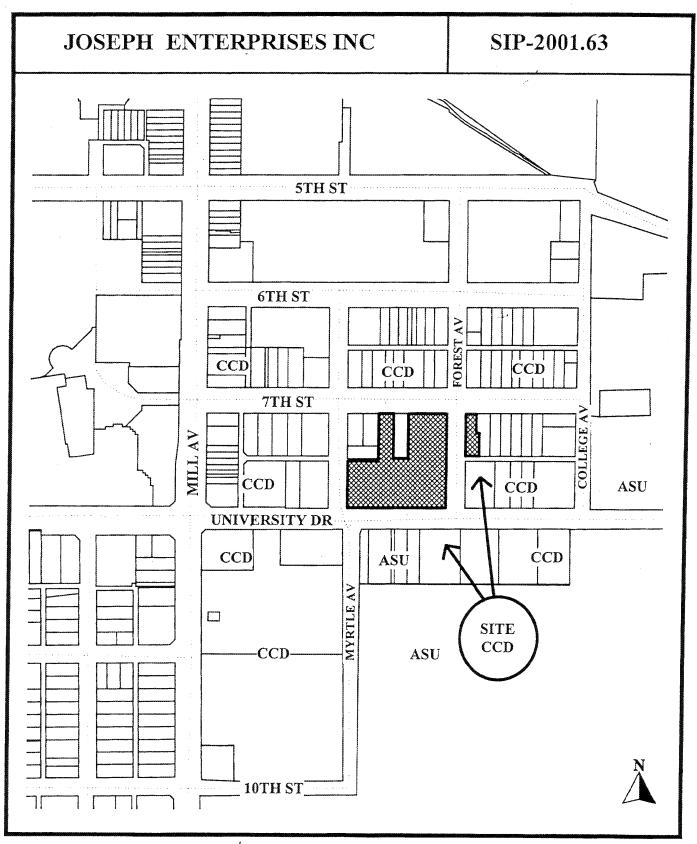
#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff - Approval, with conditions Public - No Comment to date

## CONDITION(S) OF APPROVAL:

- 1. Any intensification or expansion of uses not already identified within the shared parking model shall require the applicant to return to the Council for further review.
- 2. Any significant verifiable police complaints (as determined by the City Attorney and Police Dept.) shall required the applicant to return to the City Council for re-evaluation of the use permit.

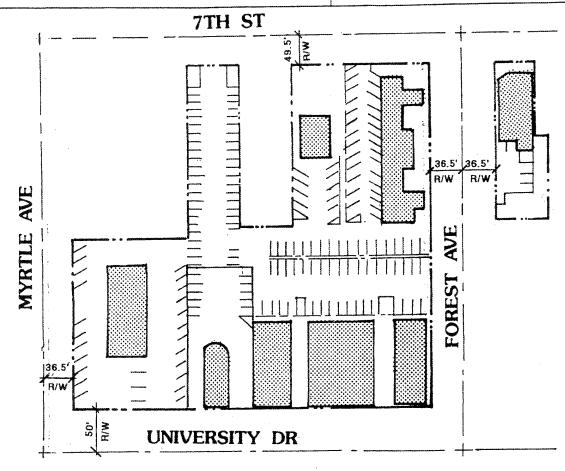




Location Map SEE OTHER SIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION



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# SYMBOL(S):



**EXISTING BUILDING(S)** 

### **SITE DATA:**

NET SITE AREA:

**EXISTING BUILDING AREA:** 

PARKING REQUIRED

PARKING PROVIDED:

2.65 AC

32,160 s.f.

282

PARKING BY DEMAND



#### Joseph Enterprises, Inc.

Oxford Square, 707 South Forest Avenue, Ste. D, Tempe, Arizona 85281 • (480) 921-2566 FAX (480) 966-4664

August 15, 2001

Tempe City Council 31 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street Tempe, Arizona 85281

Attn: Planning Department

Mr. Mayor and Council Members,

We are requesting a use permit to allow a shared parking by demand model for the Oxford Square Shops, Arches Shopping Plaza, Hogi Yogi Restaurant, Mama's Pizzeria, The Bookstore and the Arches North parking lot (111 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street). We are also requesting a variance to allow parking by demand for our combined building square footage less than 100,000 s.f. We have a total of 32,160 s.f. of combined building area. By Zoning Ordinance 808 standards, we would be required to provide 293 parking spaces. The shared parking model requires a minimum of 169 spaces and recommends 169 spaces to accommodate the demand created by existing businesses and future restaurant uses. We have 169 spaces collectively available on the Joseph Enterprises, Inc. properties.

A shared parking model more accurately demonstrates the current need for parking. The existing mix of businesses is office, retail and restaurant. We are located in a dense urban area that is frequented by a large percentage of pedestrians versus vehicular traffic. The proposed use permit and variance will not create a nuisance for the surrounding area and will not modify the volume and character of vehicular traffic in the area.

We believe the requested use permit and variance will provide the flexibility to lease our available tenant spaces and is consistent with existing parking models used within downtown Tempe.

Respectfully,

Sid Joseph

Joseph Enterprises, Inc.

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